



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
May 19, 2015**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Chuck Blair, George Guerra, Andrew Knaack, Roseann Alderete LaCoursiere, Mike O'Halloran, Tino Silva, Kevan Michael Walke.

**STAFF:** Dale Seale, Deputy Parks & Recreation Director; Patricia Lord, Recreation Manager.

**PUBLIC:** Representatives from Ulistac Natural Area Restoration and Education Project

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**MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

The Commission recommends that Council approve Exhibit A—a Proposed Amendment of City Code Section 12.05.060 to clarify park hours of operation during daylight hours (Exhibit A submitted by separate Agenda Report).

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**I. CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL/ ORDER OF AGENDA**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Silva at 7:01 p.m. The Commission approved (7-0) the meeting agenda.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Commission discussed the minutes and the process of posting minutes to the website once approved. On a motion by Commissioner Walke, and a second by Commissioner Guerra, the Commission approved (6-1-0) the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 21, 2015.

**III. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS**

The Commission reviewed correspondence from Santa Clara High School Parent Teacher Student Association for participation in the 2015 Santa Clara Art and Wine Festival and to request consideration for funding from the festival proceeds for Grad Night activities. The Commission will review additional requests at the June Meeting.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Art & Wine Festival Commemorative Glass Order. The Commission reviewed glass samples and discussed selection of beer and wine styles and quantities for the 2015 festival. On a motion by Chair Silva and a second by Commissioner Walke, the Commission approved (7-0) increasing the quantity by 300 more than in 2014, or a total of 3,216 beer glasses of which 1,296 (40%) are drinking jars (mason with lid) style and 1,920 (60%) are traditional pub

glass; and, a total order of 4,224 wine glasses of which 1,872 (44%) are citation with stem style and 2,352 (56%) are stem-less wine glasses.

- B. Wade Brummal Youth Sports Scholarship Fund. Chair Silva reported on Council request for additional sports group outreach and input regarding Commission-initiated proposal for annual non-resident sports participant's fee for use of City of Santa Clara athletic facilities with proceeds to benefit the City's Wade Brummal Youth Sports Scholarship Fund. Additional outreach and input was sought by the Commission from youth sports groups, including and not limited to: Santa Clara Swim Club, Santa Clara Lions Football, and Police Activities League. The Commission discussed amending the draft proposal regarding the annual dates for collection of fees to adjust dates for the aquatics programs from March 31 to September 30; and, to adjust the dates for football from September 30 to June 30. On a motion by Chair Silva, and second by Commissioner Guerra, the Commission (7-0) recommended that Council approve the Proposal. (Note: Chair has requested further Commission discussion in future meeting).
- C. Proposed Amendment of City Code Section 12.05.060 to clarify park hours of operation during daylight hours. On a motion by Commissioner Blair and second by Commissioner LaCoursiere, the Commission (7-0) recommends that Council approve Exhibit A—the Proposed Amendment of City Code Section 12.05.060 to clarify park hours of operation during daylight hours.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Parks & Recreation Department Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Budget proposal summary for FY 2015-16. Deputy Director Seale presented the staff report regarding the proposed budget for Parks & Recreation Department capital improvement projects including: Field #2 at Youth Soccer Park, Community Recreation Center + International Swim Center + ISHOF Design-Engineering, Senior Center Auditorium Roof and Lighting Replacement, Steve Carli Park Playground Replacement, Central Park Annex, Elmer Johnson & Townsend Field & Facility Upgrades, Henry Schmidt Park Tennis Court Resurfacing & Lighting Replacement, completion of Bracher Park Improvements, Homeridge Park Playground & Renovation, New Park and Community Garden at the San Tomas & Monroe site, along with ongoing playground renovations and replacements. Deputy Director Seale provided a handout with an overview of the projects.

## **VI. STAFF REPORTS**

- A. Youth Athletic Field and Facilities: The Commission discussed recent action taken by Council on May 12, 2015 to deny acceptance of a donation from the San Francisco 49ers”
- B. Park Projects & Cemetery Updates. Deputy Director Seale reported on park projects, including playground replacements, and progress on the Bracher Park improvements.
- C. Recreation Program Updates. Recreation Manager Lord reported on the expansion of programs and services for youth, teens and older adults. The Santa Clara Senior Center provided additional evening hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 7 p.m.; and will be open Monday through Thursday evenings until 7 p.m. commencing in July.
- D. Special Event Updates. Recreation Manager Lord noted upcoming special events including Spring Dance Recital on May 29 and 30, the Silicon Valley Barbeque Championships on June 26 and 27, and the Fourth of July All-City Picnic and Fireworks Extravaganza.

**VII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

**Commissioner Blair**—Attended games at Washington Park and other baseball leagues. Visited Henry Schmidt Park.

**Commissioner LaCoursiere**—Reported on Bracher Park, Senior Center, and attended a Santa Clara Westside Little League game.

**Commissioner Guerra**—Visited Earl Carmichael Park, Tri-City Miller Park in Cupertino, and attended a Santa Clara Briarwood Little League game.

**Commissioner Knaack**—Attended the Sunset Cinema event hosted by Youth Commission and Library and Plaza Park. He commented on the excellent job done by staff.

**Commissioner O'Halloran**—Accepted an appointment to the Planning Commission. June 2015 will be his last Parks & Recreation Commission meeting.

**Commissioner Silva**—Reported that he will not be at the June meeting. Commission approved a motion by Chair Silva, and second by Commissioner Walke, to appoint Commissioner Blair as Chair commencing with the June 2015 meeting (7-0).

**Commissioner Walke**—Visited Bracher Park, Townsend Field and Earl Carmichael Park.

**VIII. CONFERENCE & ATTENDANCE REPORTS – None.**

**IX. PUB LIC PRESENTATION(S) & COMMENTS**

A member of the public, Julie Rose, made a presentation on behalf of the Ulistac Natural Area Restoration and Education Project (UNAREP) on the Ulistac Master Plan and future site projects.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**—The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Patricia Lord Kevan Michael Walke  
Recreation Manager Commission Secretary

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
James Teixeira  
Director of Parks & Recreation  
Commission Liaison

**Attachments:**

*Exhibit A—Proposed Amendment of City Code Section 12.05.060 to clarify park hours of operation during daylight hours.*

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 12.05.060 ("HOURS OF OPERATION OF PUBLIC PARKS") OF TITLE 12 ("STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES") OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA" TO CLARIFY THE HOURS OF OPERATION OF PUBLIC PARKS IN THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara City Code ("SCCC") section 12.05.060 establishes the hours of operation of public parks;

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Clara would like to balance the public's access to public parks with health and safety concerns surrounding public access to City parks after dark;

WHEREAS, the City would like to clarify the public parks' hours of operation; and,

WHEREAS, the hours of operation of public parks should be amended to open the public parks at dawn and close the parks at dusk, with the exception of lighted facilities such as parks and recreation buildings and athletic facilities, which will close as designated by posted signs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That current Section 12.05.060 ("Hours of operation of public parks") of Chapter 12.05 ("Obstructions, Loitering and Miscellany") of Title 12 ("Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places") of "The Code of the City of Santa Clara, California" ("SCCC") be repealed and a new Section 12.05.060 be is adopted to read as follows:

**"12.05.060 Hours of operation of public parks.**

Ordinance/Park Hours of Operation Amendment

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(a) The public parks in the City shall be open daily to the public from dawn to dusk, except when there is posted conspicuously a sign designating the hours when such facility is open to the public.

(b) Any such public park or portion thereof may be declared closed to the public by the Director of Parks and Recreation at any time and for any interval of time, either temporarily or at regular or stated intervals, as is deemed necessary in carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the various divisions of the Parks and Recreation Department as set forth in Chapter 2.100 SCCC. The Director of Parks and Recreation is hereby authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this section.

(c) Every person other than City personnel conducting City business therein, who occupies or is present in any public park in the City during the hours in which the park is not open to the public, may be cited with shall be deemed guilty of an infraction or a misdemeanor in conformance with Chapter 1.05 SCCC.”

**SECTION 2: Savings clause.** The changes provided for in this ordinance shall not affect any offense or act committed or done or any penalty or forfeiture incurred or any right established or accruing before the effective date of this ordinance; nor shall it affect any prosecution, suit or proceeding pending or any judgment rendered prior to the effective date of this ordinance. All fee schedules shall remain in force until superseded by the fee schedules adopted by the City Council.

**SECTION 3: Constitutionality, severability.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this ordinance is for any reason held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the



remaining portions of the ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more section(s), subsection(s), sentence(s), clause(s), phrase(s), or word(s) be declared invalid.

SECTION 4: Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its final adoption; however, prior to its final adoption it shall be published in accordance with the requirements of Section 808 and 812 of "The Charter of the City of Santa Clara, California."

PASSED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLICATION this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCILORS:
NOES:	COUNCILORS:
ABSENT:	COUNCILORS:
ABSTAINED:	COUNCILORS:

ATTEST:

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ROD DIRIDON, JR.  
CITY CLERK  
CITY OF SANTA CLARA

Attachments incorporated by reference: None.  
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